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## Feature Article

### Riding the Blue Ridge Parkway

By Ellen Kocher

*[Ed. Note: Ellen's article was originally published in the October 2014 issue and reprinted in the July 2018 issue of this newsletter. It is reprinted to share some of her experiences along the Blue Ridge Parkway and to encourage our members to visit this scenic area of the Appalachian Mountains. All photos by Ellen Kocher.]*

*Though this article has a few miles on it, the first few paragraphs are especially applicable to the upcoming STAR 2023!! I mapped out Ellen's route from the Holiday Inn to the South Entrance of the BRPW at Cherokee, and it's a wonderful 2:15 ride through the hills. If you simply turned around and rode back to the Inn, you'd have ridden with a grin all day! And if you're inclined to retrace the rest of her route north, you'll find her article still relevant! I rode the BRPW southbound after STAR 2021, starting at Floyd, VA. They got it right back in the '30s, and haven't changed much of anything since. –Van VanSteelant*



*Ellen at the highest point along the Blue Ridge Parkway*

Yes, most of us have ridden the Blue Ridge Parkway, at least a portion of it, in our travels. However, ten years ago, it was decided that we'd ride the entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway starting at the southern terminus near Cherokee, NC, to the northern terminus near Waynesboro, VA. From there, we'd continue onto Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park to Front Royal, VA. The Blue Ridge Parkway travels 469 miles, and Skyline Drive is said to cover 105 miles. None of these miles are meant to be hurried. With overlooks beckoning to your left and to your right, it's easy to spend awhile looking to capture those perfect pictures as you stop to admire the views.

A little history of the Blue Ridge Parkway: It was conceived in 1933, recommended by Virginia senator Harry F. Byrd to President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a second scenic drive to connect to Skyline Drive. Shenandoah National Park and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park would be linked by these roads. A joint study by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Public Roads offered routes to be considered, and in 1936 the act that made the parkway a reality was signed into law. It would be another 50+ years for the last small section to be finished. The portion that included the viaduct at Linn Cove was opened to the public in 1987, thereby completing a continuous road from Virginia at Rockfish Gap, Milepost 0, to Oconaluftee, Milepost 469, near Cherokee, NC.

Our pre-planning back in 2004 began with making advance reservations to spend a night at each of the lodges located on the Blue Ridge Parkway and on Skyline Drive. We stayed at the Pisgah Inn, Bluffs Lodge, and Peaks of Otter on the Parkway. In Shenandoah National Park along Skyline Drive we stayed at Big Meadows and Skyland.

However, the enjoyable part of this motorcycle adventure actually started in Townsend, TN. We discovered Little River Road, a/k/a scenic TN route 73, a number of years ago and try to ride it whenever we are in the area. Our BMW's meandered on this winding road, following alongside the Little River for a while, until we ended up at US 441 by Sugarlands Visitor Center. From here, the ride south on Newfound Gap Road gets you accustomed to the curves ahead that will be experienced on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The weather started out initially with early morning fog, not unusual, and by the time we stopped at the Waterrock Knob overlook, we could see rain in the distance. The rain caught us before we stopped at the highest point on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Richland Balsam overlook, where we took the obligatory picture of the sign showing an altitude over 6,000 feet. For most of this trip, rain was part of each day and the rainsuits came on, then off, and this procedure was often repeated!

The southern part of the Parkway in North Carolina was our favorite because there were more curves. I'm not saying that riding the ridge on the Virginia portion was not enjoyable. It was simply different. The two dozen or so tunnels were in North Carolina, whereas there were more open meadows as we traveled further north and into Virginia. There are so many places to explore on the Parkway that it lends itself to multiple visits. This particular trip was made in May of 2004. However, summer and fall are popular times for traveling both the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, since some areas are only open from May to November.



*View from the Pisgah Inn*

Pisgah Inn, Milepost 408.6, was our first lodging and fortunately not far from Townsend where we began our day's ride. Rain persisted and we welcomed an early stop at Pisgah. It was quite cool because of the high altitude and the dampness chilled us to the bone! Pisgah Inn is by far our favorite place to stay on the Parkway. From the porch of the second floor rooms, it's enjoyable to sit in the rockers and enjoy the view of Pisgah National Forest, even if it's cloudy and rainy! The restaurant at Pisgah is excellent also and it's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. That evening I finished off my dinner with their chocolate silk pie. Yum! Save room for the desserts.

Among the attractions that fit into our schedule the following day was a ride off the Parkway into Asheville to tour the Biltmore Estate, America's largest home built from 1889 to 1895. It takes several hours to tour the house and surrounding gardens. Once we returned to the Parkway, we couldn't resist a stop at the Folk Art Center just east of Asheville to shop at their craft center. Okay, I'll take one of these, one of those. Wait, there's only so much room in the saddle bags!



*Biltmore Estate in Asheville*

We rode again and took the turnoff to Mount Mitchell, highest point east of the Mississippi. By now we were riding "in the clouds." We only stopped briefly at the restaurant for a light lunch and decided against continuing to the summit since visibility was practically nil. We retraced our route back to the Parkway.



*Moses Cone Manor House*

The weather was threatening rain so we opted to forego a stop at Linn Cove Information Center. It is here that the missing link, a 7.5 mile section of the Parkway remained unfinished for 20 years due to easement issues and environmental concerns. The elevated roadway skirts the perimeter of the mountain at Linn Cove. The view from below the viaduct is testament to the complexity of its construction. On prior trips we've stopped here and walked a portion of the nearby trail.

However, Moses Cone Manor House and Craft Center is a must stop. When the weather is clear it's a welcome stop if only to pause for a while on the porch overlooking the mountains and lakes in view. We decided that it's still picturesque even when fogged in!

After staying the night at Bluffs Lodge in Doughton Park, NC, we continued north and soon we entered into Virginia, which meant that Mabry Mill was nearby. This landmark is known as the most photographed area on the Parkway. If the mill is in operation when you visit, you might be able to observe a demonstration in the blacksmith shop. Spend a little time here and if it's lunchtime, the restaurant offers up some tasty selections. Even if you're not hungry, you owe it to yourself to try their cobbler a la mode!



*Mabry Mill*

As you continue north there are some good views of Roanoke from the various overlooks. I understand it's quite scenic at night with the lights visible in the Roanoke Valley. However, my preference would not be riding the motorcycles on the Parkway too late in the evening. On this trip, as on other rides, we saw our share of deer, turkeys, and other critters. This was usually in the early morning or early evening in the meadows. I'll leave night driving on the Parkway to those folks in cages.

Back in 2004 we stopped at the VA Explore Park located at Milepost 115. There are recreated historic structures and a history museum there. However, when riding this section of the Parkway in July of 2011 on the way to the BMW rally in Bloomsburg, we stopped here and were surprised to find it closed. A current search on the internet indicates that it was reopening this summer (2014) with added bicycle trails and recreational activities.

Peaks of Otter Lodge was our resting place for the evening. Our room was located in the third section (farthest from the restaurant) of the lodge. I guess we needed the walking exercise for dinner! There's a one mile loop trail around the lake that's behind the lodge but we didn't manage to fit that into our activities.



*Walkway at James River*

The next morning we found our way to the James River Visitor Center. There is a footbridge constructed beneath the Parkway where it crosses the James River. We enjoyed the views from this vantage point. We continued walking across the footbridge and followed the trail leading to a lock (built between 1845 and 1851) remaining from the James River and Kanawha Canal.

Our last stop on the Blue Ridge Parkway was at Milepost 5.8, Humpback Rocks Visitor Center where I took a few pictures of the recreated farmstead located there. It didn't take long to reach Milepost 0 at I-64 and US 250. We had completed the 469 miles of the BRP and were now ready to ride Skyline Drive!

Paid our admission to ride the 105 miles of Skyline Drive. My notes say we stopped at Loft Mountain wayside for an overpriced late lunch. I also noted that deer in that area wandered very near to us. They didn't seem wary of people.

We stayed at Big Meadows that evening. This is near the Harry F. Byrd, Sr. Visitor Center. According to my diary, I had a good chicken dinner, and we split the blackberry cobbler and blackberry ice cream for dessert. After dinner we wandered into one of the lodge rooms with a large fireplace and rocking chairs set up facing the mountain view. That gave us a chance to sit and relax a bit before heading back to our room.



*Harry F. Byrd, Sr. Visitor Center*

Around 10 pm that night a rainstorm blew in. It sounded like a hurricane with the wind howling and gusting outside. I guess since we were on the edge of the mountain and also very high on the mountain top that we experienced the full force of the blowing rain. The next morning we spotted some deer and also a bear from the balcony of our room. Glad we're not camping as I wouldn't be happy if a bear showed up outside my tent or if the tent blew over in the storm!



Today, we concluded the part of this trip that covered both the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. It wasn't far to Front Royal, VA, so we took our time packing up to leave that morning. Had lunch in Front Royal and then turned around and headed south to pick up Skyline Drive again. We'd accomplished our goal of riding the entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. Our evening reservation was for Skyland, another lodging facility available in Shenandoah National Park. Skyland was maybe 10 miles from Big Meadows, but we wanted to stay there also to compare accommodations. It turned out that Skyland's various lodges were spread out all over the mountain and our room wasn't near the restaurant at all. In fact, most of the lodges were down the hill! Not wanting to start up the motorcycles again, we walked the uphill trail to the restaurant at dinnertime. Did I mention "uphill"? Oh, yes!!

469 miles on the Parkway. 105 miles (and then some) on Skyline Drive. It had been a leisurely ride. We'd stayed at every lodge on the Parkway plus Skyline Drive. The remainder of this vacation included some nice riding in Virginia and West Virginia before we headed south towards home. It was a great trip!

*-Ellen*

## **Safety Talk**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES:** *Ultimately, the safety of motorcycle riders and their passengers is their own responsibility. Nothing presented in the column supersedes, negates or relieves a motorcyclist and/or passenger from assumption of personal responsibility for their actions and safety. [Editor's Note: This article is reprinted from the October 2020 FLMSTA Gator Tale.]*

### **How NOT to Group Ride - An Open Letter**

**By Doug Westly**

*Backstory: A few weeks ago, I was leading a lunch destination ride on a nice Saturday morning, for a group of 7 riders. It was only an hour-long ride, but there were several riders in the group that I had never ridden with, as well as a couple who I knew were not as skilled and/or confident in their riding, so the pace was moderate to accommodate everyone.*

*As we entered the last 10 minutes of the ride, two more bikes came up fast behind us, joining behind our chase rider. The lead bike closed up on our chase rider so tight that she couldn't see him in her mirrors. She tried slowing down, but he continued to crowd her, all the way to the destination. Both of the additional riders turned out to also be attending the luncheon.*

*When she approached him during the lunch and asked him why he was riding so close to her, he rudely said "What's the problem? I never showed you a wheel." She chose not to continue the conversation and simply walked away. She also requested I not intervene at the time, as I was understandably furious...so here is my open letter to that rider...*

Dear Fellow Rider,

First off, I've chosen not to identify you or the specific ride to spare you any embarrassment. You undoubtedly know who you are from the backstory above. However, I would like to point out your riding that day was impolite and quite frankly dangerous. Coming up on a group like that and crowding the rider in front of you, to within just a foot or two, is not professional, skilled or called for. You are not on a racetrack, even though by your comment, it appears you thought so at the time. Your actions and words don't demonstrate your ability, only your ego, and raised the risk of the group ride as well as potentially endangering another rider.

Here are my recommendations: First and foremost, stow your ego on a group ride. Next, adhere to established group riding principles on public streets; that is, keep a minimum of one-second riding distance between you and the rider in front of you. Finally, try being polite when someone approaches you with a legitimate concern regarding your actions on two wheels. If you can't do all of the above, find another path...on your own. Until you do find the right way to group ride, you are not invited to join another of ours. I'll be happy to chat with you about all this, should you ever wish to.

And just FYI, that female chase rider you were crowding? She is a retired motorcycle instructor and racetrack coach. She spent several years teaching pursuit and tactical driving to elite government and private organizations, has worked as a Hollywood major motion picture stunt rider, and spent way over a decade as a professional demonstration and test rider and driver for a major motorcycle and car manufacturer, two and four wheels, both on and off road. She could have handed you your two-wheeled lunch had she had chosen to do so.

***Ride safe!*** – Doug Westly



## South Director's Report

### April showers bring May flowers...

So, how about that drought the news droned on about?? Seems Fort Lauderdale could have used a foot or more less rain this month! And, we are back to fretting about the possible storm conditions for our RTEs. ☹️

Rides you say... Tom's East Central ride to Lake Harris Hideaway enjoyed good weather, good grub and lots of gab!! Doug's ride was much more weather dependent, and they just fit it in before the Gulf poured on them. Their reports are below.



*Easy ride over familiar roads to Avon Park to chow down on very tasty food*

In between the Central rides, the Southies ventured to a new-to-us location, highly recommended by local members! AND they were right! Five Eastsiders met me at our departure and enjoyed an easy ride over familiar roads to Avon Park. Upon arrival, we met up with 10 others ready to chow down! The Sandhill Grill staff were preparing our tables as we entered and treated us with good service and very tasty food. All who gathered were impressed! Even our three late arrivals were accommodated efficiently. Another place to add to our rotations!! And we liked the ride so much, we took it back home!



*New highly recommended location, the Sandhill Grill, was great.*

Our 50/50 raffle collected funds at East Central and South rides. A total of \$54 helped reduce our recent \$62 deficit to just \$8 carrying forward. As always, a BIG THANKS to all who participate in our raffle!!

### What's Next??

We have three rides in May. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, join us for an extra South **Lunch** Ride, when we head to an old favorite, Lightsey's Fish Co. in Okeechobee. The East Central **Brunch** Ride heads to a new-to-us destination! On May 20<sup>th</sup>, be at Mrs. Mac's Fillin Station in Vero Beach. One week later, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the West Central **Brunch** Ride lands at Johnny's Egg Works in Frostproof. There's a good chance that a few of the Southies will make all three rides!! So many opportunities....

Looking way ahead, registration is now open for STAR '23!! Members received a detailed email with all the info needed to make your plans... NOW!! Committing early makes it so much easier to ensure your attendance! You know it's in Knoxville, right?!?

### Membership News!!

If you are receiving the *Gator Tale*, but not my announcements, **PLEASE** email me ASAP to correct my files. I believe I'm up to date...

THANKS to Don Moe for his efforts EVERY month to bring our Florida membership up to date with all the news about our new and renewing members!!



## Here's what we know today...

These Florida memberships have recently renewed:

Larry Solomon      Doug Westly      Rebeca DeShazo-Westly

These Florida memberships have recently expired or will expire soon:

Douglas Christensen      Robert Fischer      Stephen Phillips      Mike Smith

We urge all our members to renew their memberships and continue supporting their MSTA. If you have a question about when your membership expires, please contact the membership committee at [membership@ridemsta.com](mailto:membership@ridemsta.com). Renewing or joining can be done quickly and securely online at [PlanetReg.com/MSTArenew](http://PlanetReg.com/MSTArenew) or [PlanetReg.com/MSTAjoin](http://PlanetReg.com/MSTAjoin) respectively. If you use a pre-printed form from STARreview or an ITR, be sure to mail it to the new member of our new membership team, **Scott Snedden, 11484 Waterwood Dr., Tyler, TX 75703**, and not to the address of any prior membership director.

If you only want to update your phone, email, bikes, or other details, you can do so quickly via [PlanetReg.com/MSTAupdate](http://PlanetReg.com/MSTAupdate). **Please include enough unchanging information to assure the correct member is updated in the database.**

When you encounter a rider who would seem to be a good fit as a new MSTA member, please pass along one of our brand-new **Invitation-To-Ride Tri-folds!** For each new member you recruit and who provides your name and/or membership number on the application, you will receive a coupon for a **raffle ticket for the motorcycle touring package drawing at our next STAR event.** Any new or current member who joins or renews as a Sustaining Member will likewise receive a coupon for a raffle ticket for each year of the new membership term.

## Random Ramblings!!

We have lots of **BRUNCH** rides for the next several months. With 3 rides a month, you have plenty of chances to invite a friend along and introduce them to our group!! More ITRs are coming soon...

We will continue to support our local, small business restaurants. Please send your recommendations to any of the ride coordinators.

We've had a terrific year sharing good grub and lots of great gab!! Our new personnel are making 2023 even better... 😊

Hoping you're living the life you love, and loving the life you live...

*When you can...*

*Join one of our monthly rides!!*

***And** invite a friend to ride along!!*

*Ride well! Ride often!! Do it safely!!!*

**ATGATT Van**

**MSTA Florida State Director**



## East-Central Ride – Lake Harris Hideaway, Tavares, FL – Tom Blake

It was nice to see a good turnout – at least by east-central standards. Thirteen showed up from the northeast, east-central and west-central regions. We all gathered in the parking lot shortly after 11 and the BS started right in. Then we moved to the very nice, covered deck area, pulled some tables together and continued the discussion. Our waitress started her shift early, to our delight, and orders were soon taken. Before we knew it, food showed up and the tables got quiet for a while. But not too quiet. A



*Nice covered deck area for lunch at Lake Harris Hideaway*

band was warming up as we were finishing our refueling ritual. Then they got it cranked up at 1 o'clock as we were leaving. We collected \$50 for the raffle and Garth Jenkins was the winner. \$25 is heading to Van for club expenses.

I think everyone had an enjoyable day of riding. I know my group did. Larry Solomon from Vero Beach was our LD champion at 160 miles. But Jim Beyerl from the Jacksonville area was a close second at 150 miles. Eight of the 13 attendees logged 100 miles or more to get there. We appreciate everyone who rode in.

Next month, with the heat coming on, we start doing brunches. I'm shortening my leash to places nearer to home. And this one will be to Mrs Macs Fillin Station in mainland Vero Beach. It's a unique place and has some excellent breakfasts. I hope you can join us.



*Good turnout for the East-Central Ride in Tavares*

## West-Central Ride – Tiki Docks, Riverview, FL – Doug Westly



*Eve, Doug & Becky braved the weather to uphold MSTA honor on the West Central Lunch Ride to Tiki Docks in Riverview*

Well folks, the weather did us in again for the west central FL MSTA lunch ride on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The threat of heavy rain and storms kept almost everyone home, which was too bad. The fish and chips, as well as the coconut shrimp at the Tiki Docks in Riverview were great! Unfortunately, it was down to only three MSTA members to uphold MSTA honor at lunch. Eve Blazsur, Doug Westly and Becky DeShazo-Westly braved the elements to chow down on the fresh fish, and even they had to resort to 4 wheels to make the rendezvous. In hindsight, it was the right call, as the rain started just as lunch was wrapping up!

Hopefully next month, the weather will let us get back to some regular meet-ups. Mid-May we will switch back to earlier brunch rides, and the first West Central FL Brunch Ride is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at Johnny's Egg Works in Frostproof, 9:30 AM sit-down time. Hope to see everyone there!



## **Florida Rides This Month**

Always remember to check the Florida MSTA [Event Calendar](#) and/or your email for updates on scheduled rides. Changes in times, dates, and especially locations are often out of our control and with short notice.

### **MSTA Florida South Lunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Location: **Lightsey Fish Co & Seafood**, 1506 S Parrott Ave, **Okeechobee, FL** ☎ (863) 763-4276 ([map](#))

Description: This is one of the favorite rides of the year! We are not going to mess with success!! Enjoy one last LUNCH ride before the heat really sets in....

Contact: Van, [busavanflmsta@gmail.com](mailto:busavanflmsta@gmail.com), or ☎ (561) 386-2594

### **MSTA Florida East Central Brunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Location: **Mrs Mac's Fillin Station**, 951 Old Dixie Hwy, **Vero Beach, FL** ☎ (772) 564-8400 ([map](#))

Description: Well, this is one unique place to behold. Lots of car stuff, checkerboard tablecloths and old gas pumps to gawk at. The food's pretty good and priced reasonably. I've been here a couple of times with the BMW club and thought it was great. They do get busy on Saturday mornings but always do their best to work folks in.

Contact: Tom, [tblake1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tblake1@cfl.rr.com), or ☎ (321) 794-6147

### **MSTA Florida West Central Brunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Location: **Johnny's Egg Works**, 133 S. Scenic Hwy, **Frostproof, FL** ☎ (863) 546-6150 ([map](#))

Description: We had a great brunch here last year. That's why we are going back!! Reserved room, good roads and fine food!

Contact: Doug, [flwingrdr@msn.com](mailto:flwingrdr@msn.com), or ☎ (813) 928-1663

### **Canaan Valley Just For Fun Rally**

When: Thursday-Sunday, **May 18-21, 2023**

Location: **Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center**, 230 Main Lodge Road, **Davis, WV**

Description: A Just for Fun Rally with NO RALLY FEE. We will be collecting money for the Ride for Kids Foundation that raises money for pediatric brain tumor treatment and research. (Suggested donation is \$10) All money collected will go to this charity so please give what you can. No meals provided. Main lodge has 2 restaurants. Other restaurants are within a mile of park entrance. Cabins have fully equipped kitchens and outdoor grills.

Call the resort directly at 304-866-4121 and ask for a cabin or room in the MSTA BLOCK.

Contact: Chris Shoop phone: 304-488-9128 email: [shoopce@gmail.com](mailto:shoopce@gmail.com)

## **Future Florida Rides**

Note that the future ride events are included to facilitate longer term planning. The destinations and/or dates may be changed just before the ride dates. Please check the Florida MSTA [Event Calendar](#) for any updates.

### **MSTA Florida South Brunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Location: **Marsh Landing Restaurant**, 44 N. Broadway St., **Fellsmere, FL** ☎ (772) 571-8622 ([map](#))

Description: Yep, back for brunch!! The Central rides left this place out, so the Southies will take up the slack! It will be an early departure, but the destination is worth the effort!!

Contact: Van, [busavanflmsta@gmail.com](mailto:busavanflmsta@gmail.com), or ☎ (561) 386-2594

### **MSTA Florida East Central Brunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Location: **Osteen Diner**, 195 State Rte 415, **Osteen, FL** ☎ (407) 323-6469 ([map](#))

Description: We haven't been here in many years. It's one of those small-town, comfort-food diners that's always busy. That means the food's good and reasonably priced. Plus, it's easily accessed via SR 415 (N-S) or the Osteen-Maytown Rd from Oak Hill.

With STAR this month, we have doubled up the Central Area Brunches for June. Given they are nearly 2 hours apart, the East/West members will be well served either way!

Contact: Tom, [tblake1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tblake1@cfl.rr.com), or ☎ (321) 794-6147

### **MSTA Florida West Central Brunch Ride**

When: Saturday, **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Location: **Breakfast Station**, 1242 S Broad St, **Brooksville, FL** ☎ (352) 593-4906 ([map](#))

Description: A new-to-us destination! The menu looks to die for!!

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### **MSTA STAR 2023**

When: Saturday-Wednesday, **June 10-14, 2023**

Location: **Holiday Inn-Knoxville West, Cedar Bluff Rd**, 9134 Executive Park Dr, **Knoxville, TN**  
☎ 865-693-1011 ([map](#))

Description: STAR is the annual national rally for the MSTA. In addition to great riding opportunities, there will be a full schedule of fun activities, including: Welcome Ceremony, New Members/First Time Attendees Meeting, New Members Ride, Ladies of the MSTA Meet & Greet, Annual Members Meeting, Lunch Ride, Mike Morris Snipe Hunt, Closing Banquet & Awards, Annual Bike Raffle- a Canyon Red 2022 Royal Enfield 650 Interceptor, Event T-Shirts, Vendors, Seminars. There will be a wide selection of routes and extras.

Contact: MSTA <https://ridemsta.com/star/page5.html>

For additional Florida events and information, [click here](#) to see the Florida MSTA website's Events page. The Florida MSTA chapter also has a presence on Facebook with upcoming events and past photos: [click here](#).

## Florida MSTA Apparel



As a reminder, our Florida State Storefront is open online for your MSTA-branded apparel! Go to [mstaflorida.qbstores.com](http://mstaflorida.qbstores.com). We have made arrangements with the supplier for our National Gearbox to allow our State membership to buy shirts, hats, etc. with our State logos directly from the source!!! No muss, no fuss!! Order yours today!! They offer both embroidery and digital print options. Click onto the Embroidered Apparel or Shop By Logo for each option. Don't hesitate to contact Queensboro directly with any and all questions. They are very customer friendly. They also offer Polo shirts and T-shirts with pockets!! Shopping finds online... We found some fun motorcycle t-shirts you can order online. Click the image for this particular t-shirt. There are other fun motorcycle t-shirts online at <https://teespring.com/shop/motorcycle-tshirts>.



These MSTA websites have extensive event information:

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